RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

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The Governor communicates with Senator Walter L. Westall, Chairman of the State Reorganization Commission and submits memorandum recommending certain changes in the State Departments Law.

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Section 321 - New York State School for the Blind.

This section should in my opinion be amended in conjunction with Section 388 referring to the New York State Commission for the Blind. I do not believe that these two activities should be in different departments as they are now, one in the Education Department and the other in the Department of Charities. I would suggest that the New York State Commission for the Blind be transferred to the Education Department to become a part of the unit which is responsible for the entire problem of the blind so as the state is responsible for it. There is absolutely no need for a commission for the blind and this commission should be abolished and the function only together with its school for the blind transferred to the Education Department to be organized under rules adopted by the Regents. As indicated below I do not believe that the Board of Charities should administer any institutions. It should be a purely inspectional agency as contemplated by the constitution.

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